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To Whom it May Concern:

Lets do away with this age 60 retirement rule for pilots. It is ridiculous; I would much rather fly with a pilot with years of experience than one that has only been flying a few years. It is acceptable to have the younger ones fly in the "second seat" and gain their years of experience, but not as the captain.

As long as a pilot is physically and mentally able to pass the required tests, let them fly----don't discriminate because of age and put the flying public's lives in danger with inexperienced pilots. Changing this rule will definitely build the public's confidence in commercial flying. We, the flying public, need to know there is a competent, experienced pilot in the "driver's seat".

Yours truly,



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